

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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"THE APOSTLES AND ELDERS CAME TOGETHER FOR TO CONSIDER OF THIS MATTER"

PERILOUS TIMES

These Are Some Last Day Signs

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Perilous times: means, times attended with great peril, danger and suffering. Danger of being killed, robbed or overrun by wicked men. Perils of sickness, pestilences, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and wars. Perils among false brethren etc.

Last days: Are we in the last days? We only need to look about us to see that the time spoken of by the apostle is here. We have in previous articles called attention to these many perils that are on the earth today.

Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES: I am sure that this is the condition of the greater part of the world today. In India there are the high and the low caste. Some men love themselves so much that they have exalted themselves so far above the ordinary people that they respect them no more than if they were dogs. While this seems an exaggerated and strained condition yet it is true. Also we have millions in America who love themselves to such an extent that they neglect their soul's welfare, but are continually petting and pampering their bodies with paints, puff and powder, fine dress, jewelry and worldly pleasure, not for the love of humanity but themselves.

COVETOUSNESS: Is this a characteristic of the world in general today? It certainly is. I heard a man say once, "I think a man ought to own all that fines him." Today there are many millionaires while only a few years ago there were only a very few. This spirit is prompting the trusts and combines; they are massing their money for the last days.

BOASTERS: Boasting about what? "I can do. I can whip you, I can excel you in an aerial flight. My horse can excel yours in a race. My racing machine will go ahead of yours." I have greater ability than most any man, I look neater and dress better." Is this spirit in the world today? Just open one eye and take a peep and you will see it.

PROUD: It is said that a peacock is the proudest appearing bird. He struts, and proudly looks back at his feathers and seems to say am I not richly dressed?

There are many today who walk as stiff-legged as a peacock. God abhors a proud look and I am sure that He is effected every day by the proud and haughty people.

BLASPHEMERS: Have you ever before known of men speaking so disrespectfully of God as they are doing today? Thousands are espousing the teaching of atheism. Students of many schools and colleges have denounced Christianity, the Bible and its Divine Author. They speak all manner of disrespectful slurs against God's people thus blaspheming God who has given to us His Holy Spirit.

To be in opposition to Christ the Son of God is antichristian. To oppose Him in word and deed is nothing more than blasphemy.

Here are some sects that are in opposition to the true Messiah. First the corrupt worldly portions of Protestantism. There are many so-called Protestant churches today owning pool tables, bathing pools, card tables and almost every other worldly entertainment, yet they pretend to worship God. Is this not blasphemy and sacrilegious to the fullest extent? They do not want their young people to attend the worldly entertainments therefore to hold them they bring the entertainment to them. There is Spiritualism, Paganism, Buddhism, Mohammedism, Hinduism, Judaism, and many more that mock true Christianity. There are many ways that seem right to the adherents, but broad is the road that leads to death and narrow is the way that leads to life eternal.

DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS: Have

you discovered a difference in the younger and rising generation? There are a hundred to one attractions now, as compared with fifty years ago, decoying our boys and girls away from the parental influence of the home. We are living in such a fast age that father and mother are back numbers and not capable of giving the younger generation advice so they think, therefore they disdain the advice of the parents and older people. This is usually the case except in a few, but rare cases. This naturally prompts disobedience.

UNTHANKFUL: How can they be thankful if the many blessings they receive are just a happen so, or a game of chance? They recognize no supreme being, therefore why should they thank one another. It is survival of the fittest with them. Rise to heights if you can, if not you sink. They recognize no intervention of Providence, therefore to whom should they be thankful? Well God said it would be that way in the last days. Have you not discovered this to be the case? Like a hog eating acorns and never looking up to behold the beautiful oak that supplies the acorns. Men are just as ungrateful.

UNHOLY: How could they expect to be holy while in direct opposition to the Holy One who is the author of holiness. Satan is instilling his unholy spirit into the lives of men and women and leading them by the millions to live unholy lives, such as murder, adultery, theft, profanity, revelry, malice, hatred and as Paul said, such like. While there are only a comparative few possessing holiness there are millions possessed with the spirit of unholiness.

We have not time and space to comment on the entire chapter but will mention only a few more of these last day signs.

LOVERS OF PLEASURE: Yes more than lovers of God. There are pleasure attractions on every side. Soft drinks, picture shows, prize fights, dog races, horse races, car races, dances, fairs, foolish lovesongs, carnivals, Sabbath breaking, such as Sunday ball games, bathing beaches, taking tens of thousands away from true worship on Sunday. Automobile trips planned for Sunday which also detracts the minds of thousands away from God. The real lovers of God are not of the above class.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. Ps. 10:4. Why? Because they love pleasure more than they love God.

The true child of God has his affections centered on things above, they are becoming more and more separated from the things of the world. So many wonder why true Christians do not care for these things, and walk the ways of the world with the world. Our life is hid with Him. We are confident that He would not participate in these things if He were here, therefore we are trying to be like Him, we want to "see Him as He is."

May the dear Lord sustain us that we be not carried away with the affairs and cares of this life and so that day come upon us unawares. Some want to say—Take my wife and let her be consecrated Lord to Thee.

Each of us should say—Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Our influence: We then, by our consecration, may lead others unto salvation.

GLAD TO BE ONE OF HIS CHILDREN

EASTLAND, Tex.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' dear name. This afternoon finds me still praising the Lord for what He is to me. He has healed me many times when I was ill. I received the Holy Ghost at our District Convention in May. I am only

PEOPLE AMAZED AT GOD'S POWER

MAUD, Okla.—Just a few lines to the Evangel, the paper I love so dearly. I am still in the battle for God and thought it would be good to report how He is blessing in the West.

I have just closed a four weeks meeting in Maud with great victory. The people were amazed at the show-ers which came down from God on the saints. The town and country was stirred for miles; the crowd was estimated to be about fifteen hundred people. Twelve were saved, six sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost, seven added to the Church of God and two followed the Lord in water baptism. We are expecting God to send us more ministers who are on fire for God for this state next year. This is certainly a ripe field and ready to harvest. Pray for me that I will stay in the center of the Lord's will.—Joel Stamper, Stroud, Okla.

ALTAR FILLED WITH SEEKERS

BLAIRSVILLE, S. C.—A revival was held here beginning July 23rd and continuing twelve days and nights. Brother S. C. Cooper, pastor, conducted the meeting. Brother J. A. Davis from Youngsane, Ga. did the preaching. He surely did some good preaching; the enemy was very strong. On Sunday night the Lord wonderfully blessed; the power fell and the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. When the altar call was made the altar was filled with seekers and eleven were reclaimed.

We were glad to have with us some of the brethren and sisters from Suches, Ga. We had large crowds at the night services. Several came for miles and it seemed that all enjoyed the meeting and many were strengthened. Judgment alone can tell the good accomplished. Pray for us at this place and may God bless the Church of God everywhere.—Yours for the lost.

DESIRES TO STAY HUMBLE

BELMONT, N. C.—I want to sound a note of praise this evening through the Evangel for what the dear Lord has done for me. Several years ago He saved me from my sins. I lived an up and down life in the Methodist Church until about six years ago when I heard the true Gospel of holiness preached. I saw that was what I needed, so I went down before God and sought the blessing and He really sanctified me wholly by His precious blood, and gave me the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. He also added me to the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I am feeling satisfied this evening. I am determined by the help of the Lord to go on and make it through to the City.

I desire the prayers of all the saints to stay humble and true.—A. D. Smith.

God's Children Are Gathering In

HENNING, Tenn.—I wish to report on the great revival which has run for ten days at the Ripley, Tenn. church. I know there are some still alive in our church. The saints were wonderfully revived. We were surely glad to have Sister Mollie Arnold of Memphis, Tenn. with us. She did some good preaching, in fact, she did most of the preaching. There were three saved, one reclaimed, two added to the church for which we thank God. We also had Brother Ragin of Troy, Tenn. with us. And he preached some for us. We praise the Lord for all of this.—A. L. Griffin, district pastor, R. 2.

eleven years old, but I can serve the Lord if I am young. Please pray for me that I might be an humble worker for the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Bell Grace, 401 East Plumer St.

Dedication of Church

PETERSBURG, W. Va.—The church at Petersburg, W. Va. was dedicated Sunday, August 14, 1927. The following ministers were present: Brother H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer, Brother Harry Schaeffer and wife, Brother Isaac Lewis.

On Saturday night Brother Scoggins brought the message. Sunday morning Brother Schaeffer brought us a wonderful message. Sunday afternoon Brother Scoggins dedicated our church and it was a beautiful service. The Holy Spirit wonderfully blessed and our souls rejoiced over what God had done for us.

Sunday night Brother Scoggins gave us the feast of the day. The day was a real feast to our souls. We had a great time in our Father's house. We have a beautiful little church which will seat three hundred people. We praise our dear Savior for helping us to get our church. We have had quite a struggle as our members are not all able to do much financially but have stood by us with their prayers and helped by donation of work. We still owe some on our church but our God is able to provide for His saints and He is not bankrupt. If we stay humble at the foot of the cross and in His love and unity, God can work in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.

We are looking forward to a great revival here this fall and this is a great opportunity for the Church of God to harvest in a multitude of lost souls that are on the downward road.

I praise God for His wonderful blessings to me. On Saturday the 16th day of April, 1927 God gave me a vision of this beautiful little church and if I would surrender my life fully to Him He would use me. I saw a great work here to be done and that He needed me. I told the Lord I would go preach or do what He wanted me to do. Praise God, when we meet the conditions God never disappoints us. That same Saturday night at 11:30 He wonderfully baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and I have been happy in His glad service ever since. I shall never forget that hour.

On May 24th we started the Work on the church and dedicated it on August 14th. I never doubt my Lord and Master. Pray that God may have full right-of-way in my life and I want to be true to Him that I may be the means of bringing many precious souls into the fold. My only heart's desire is in my Lord's service. I want to be an humble instrument in His hands.

I want to say to Brother Scoggins that we are glad you are standing true and want you to come back soon. May God continue to bless you and keep you humble before Him and give you many souls for your hire.—H. C. Schaeffer, Sec. and Treas.

Gaining Victory After Two Years' Battle

CHAVIES, Ala.—We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Strait Creek church with Brother G. D. Jones in charge. One was saved, some sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. Three were added to the church and twelve followed the Lord in water baptism. The last week of the meeting a copper-head snake was brought to the church. Brother Jones was bitten and was real sick but the Lord wonderfully touched his body and he never missed a service. Sister Ora Bell was also bitten but it did not hurt her.

The church was built up by the meeting. We have been in a hard battle here for two years and sometimes would almost become discouraged, but thank God, the Church of God is rising and shining at Strait Creek. This country is flooded with every kind of doctrine almost, except the real fundamental principles of salvation, but in spite of the false teachings, the people are beginning to realize they must first become justified, then sanctified before they are baptized with the Holy Ghost. We ask the saints to pray for us at this place.—H. M. Nance, pastor.

THE 22ND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 24TH-30TH

The Church of God and Its Allied Interest

J. S. Llewellyn, Editor and Publisher

The 22nd Annual Assembly will convene in a few days in this city for the expressed purpose of hearing reports of the various states, the selection of officers and for the consideration of any subjects that may properly come before it.

The object and purpose of the General Assembly of the Churches of God is to search out the Bible plan of government and discipline, and consider the teachings prominently set forth in the sacred Book.

It is intended by those concerned and intrusted with the business affairs of the Church, and in fact all the ministers and members of the Church of God who may choose to participate in this notable occasion, that all acts, decisions and conclusions reached are to be construed, not as legislative, but as a judicial interpretation of what the Bible teaches on the subject considered, therefore, the government of the Church is not legislative but judicial.

It is the further purpose of the Annual Assembly to devise plans and means to promulgate the Gospel of Jesus Christ the divine head of the Church for the nations of the earth, and surely all people everywhere will conclude that this is in harmony with the great commission given by our Lord.

Another important object and purpose of the Assembly is to conserve the unity of the Spirit and further promote the unity of faith until the people of God may be able to be of one accord, one mind, see eye to eye and to love and sympathize with each other in the work and service to which God has called us to do.

Successful Year

The assembly year that is just now almost bidding us good-bye and going into the past eternity, has been one of blessed victories along many lines. Many successful revivals and camp meetings have been held with many souls reaching the place of victory and power. Many of the servants of God have felt a fresh anointing for the ministry, new inspiration, new zeal and greater courage to press the battle for God and the right. Many new ministers and members have been added to our number, for which we feel very grateful to the Lord and bid them glad welcome in our midst, together with a hearty "God bless them everyone!"

The writer has enjoyed the privilege of meeting many of the ministers and workers on the field, both new and old, and enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the saints in many places. We are glad to note an extra touch of God's glory and power in our midst. Surely we are going from glory to glory and from victory to victory.

Camp-Meetings

We are truly delighted with the enthusiastic effort being put forth in many states to establish permanent camp meetings. To my mind, this is one of the best moves that the states could consider as it will do more to build up and establish the churches in their respective states than anything else. I regard this as a very important movement and should be encouraged and have the hearty cooperation of all the officials, ministers and members. It has been truthfully stated that we now have, not only state meetings, but some district meetings which are greater than the Annual Assembly was fifteen years ago. Truly this is a movement that moves! When we consider the progress (despite all the reverses that have come our way), we have great reasons to be encouraged, therefore, permit me to sound a note of cheer to those who possess this progressive spirit, with an earnest prayer that God will crown your efforts with abundant success.

Coming Year

For many reasons, the coming year

bids fair to be the greatest and most successful of all in the history of the Church. Many golden opportunities are knocking at our door; thousands of people have their eyes on the Church; many are favorably considering the beauty and grandeur of her teaching, government and discipline.

In view of our wonderful opportunities, every official and minister would do well to deeply consider and tremble at the tremendous responsibility resting upon our shoulders. We are just arriving at one of the greatest epochs in the history of the Church in these last days. We can be true to God and to one another and enjoy blessed success. We cannot allow the enemy to disturb our minds, break our fellowship and go down in final defeat, but thank God we prefer the former instead of the latter. Therefore we are confidently expecting greater success and greater victory in the coming year than ever before.

Church of God Evangel

The Evangel is the official organ of the Church of God. It is the representative of all the interests and departments of the church work. Its columns are intended to express the Bible teaching of regeneration, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing and the soon coming of the Lord, together with any other kindred themes along with the Bible plan of government and discipline.

The paper advances into many open doors that even our ministers cannot enter. It carries its messages, reports and testimonies into thousands of homes and offers cheering words to many who are despondent and to those who are under the thick shadows of bereavement, trouble and oppression. The Church cannot afford to be without it; the thousands of our readers say they cannot afford to be without it, then if it is an essential agency to those who are acquainted with it, then why not every reader put forth a special effort to get it into other homes and thereby cause it to become a blessing to thousands of others in this broad land?

Dear readers, you will note the special rate that is given for the month of October, of one dollar per year. This means either new or renewal. You will remember that the regular price is one dollar and a half. Now your subscription does not have to expire in order for you to have the benefit of this special rate, but just send in the one dollar and we will extend your subscription for one year from the date of its expiration. That is to say, if your subscription expires December 1, 1927, we will extend it to December 1, 1928, etc. as the case may be.

Bible Training School

The local Bible Training School will begin Oct. 31st under the management of T. S. Payne, superintendent and J. H. Walker, his assistant. Many have expressed their desire to attend this session and if you have not already, you will do well to address the superintendent at once. The writer is informed that the prospects are fine for a good school. All of our prospective ministers and workers together with many who are now engaged in ministerial work, would do well to take special training for that line of service that you feel that God has called you to. The best and greatest soldiers whose names have been immortalized, national honors heaped on them, spent months and even years in training. If you decide to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, you will also do well to take special training for this great work. Those who are interested would do well to take this matter before the Lord, ask Him what He would have you do. All those who are interested may address T. S. Payne, Superintendent, Cleveland, Tenn.

Orphanage

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

SPECIAL RATE

Bible Training School by Correspondence

To those who for any reason may be unable to attend the local training school in this city, we have concluded to offer you the full Bible training course by correspondence at the special cash rate of \$20.00. This special price does not apply on the monthly payment plan, but for the small sum in cash of \$20.00, for which you will receive a receipt in full for the entire course. This is your opportunity.

Mrs. Oma Day offers an opportunity to some Church of God man: A fifty acre farm at a very reasonable price, at Mt. Vernon, Texas, Route 3.

Richard Casey of Poplar Bluff, Mo. desires a place on a farm in the south, near Church of God, as a farm hand.

Report From Maine And Canada

Sister Swanson, Sister Goins, wife, children and I left Maryland June 23rd for Maine. We had a very nice trip and found Brother Dorsett faithfully laboring for God. They had a hard time during the winter and were working and supporting the work, paying rent for the building. We had about three weeks meeting and then we opened a larger place. God is blessing, but we will have a fight in the city of Portland and ask an interest in the prayers of the Evangel family that God will give us a church there.

We left Sister Vesta Swanson and Sister Goins in charge of the mission with Sister Harriet Dorsett to assist them with music while we came to Prince Edward Island, Canada. We found this a fine country to live in. It seemed that the trees and grass were saying, praise God. The people are very humble and were very good to us. They were so nice that we want to make our home on P. E. Island, but it not being God's will we leave hoping to come again.

We had some good meetings. It seemed to be a seed sowing time. The people over here are hungry for God's blessings. When they see and know you are giving them the Word of God they will stand by you and some of them are going to be filled with the Holy Ghost before long. We do not know of any Pentecostal people on the island that believe in the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of tongues. We had some street meetings in one town where all were Catholic people. They threw apples, rocks and other things at us; yelled, hooted and carried on real badly. We sang, prayed, praised the Lord and preached just the same and at the last they gave us good order and we felt sad to leave them.

Dear saints of God, the Gospel must go to all the world. People are hungry for it. We are responsible for it. Numbers of preachers who like to stay close around their old home, are no doubt, failing God today because they won't go to some of these fields where people are dying for the Truth. The cross of going will never get light until you say, yes, to God and start and then He will help you hear it. Thank God for the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the Truth.

We're in it because we live it. We're in it because it's right. We're in it to labor faithfully, For Jesus both day and night.—G. M.

NOTICES

To all the Churches of God in Fla.: I am in South Carolina this summer but will be home ready for work in Florida after the Assembly. My work is evangelist work, so any one wanting my help, write me at my home address which is Route A, Lake Wales, Florida.—G. B. Langford.

I wish to know the whereabouts of Brother C. E. Chambers. Would like for him to write me if he sees this notice.—L. F. Cantrell, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Lake Wales Church will have Home Coming Day the last Sunday in this month, which is Oct. 30th. There will be all day service and dinner on the ground, the Lord's Supper and feet washing that night. Everybody welcome. Come, expecting a great time with the Lord.—E. L. Hicks, pastor, route A, box 513, Lake Wales, Fla.

CORRECTION

There appeared in this paper under date of Sept. 10th, a notice that J. C. Riggs of Mt. Airy, N. C., is no longer a member or exhorter in the Church of God. The matter was looked into by the proper authorities and found the case was improperly handled. There had been no conference held, neither any minutes of conference containing charges, so be it known that the party referred to above is a member and also an exhorter in the Church of God.—Roy E. Blackwood, State Overseer of N. C.

God Supplies Our Needs

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise for my Lord through the Evangel for all that He is to me. He is my all in all. He is my salvation, because He has really delivered me from sin and death. He is my healer, my life, my way from earth to glory. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—John 14:6.

I truly praise Him for a spirit to testify. I am sweetly saved from sin, sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus, baptized with the Holy Ghost. I can feel it burning now down in my soul. Over three years ago Jesus came into my heart. I have joy in my soul unspeakable and full of glory. Since I have been in the way many temptations and trials have I met on my way, but I understand thru the Word in 1st Cor. 10:13. There bath no temptation taken you but such as is common to men; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

On the 12th day of April my husband left home, took my only boy who was eleven years old and said they would return in two weeks. He left me with two girls, one fourteen and the other fifteen and he also gave me \$2.80 to get groceries. He has never returned from that day till this present writing. When the money was gone I thought of a little debt a neighbor owed my husband which was \$1.50 and I got it, and as soon as it was gone my groceries were all gone too. I fell on my knees before the Lord and told him all about my troubles and asked Him to provide food for us the next week, and when I ended my prayer I felt happy just as though my barrels were filled and in a little while my nephew came in and said, Auntie, father said make out your grocery order. Oh! how my heart was made glad, for I knew it was God providing for me.

In just a few days I received a letter from my husband stating there was eight dollars and seventy cents in the bank for him, I secured this and it carried us until cotton picking began, and the Lord provided in a way for us to get out two or three days in the week to work enough to get our groceries.

In two weeks after my husband had left, a young man wanted a little crop, so I gave him four acres of cotton to plow to help do the work. God has supplied our needs thus far.

Please pray that God will continue to supply our needs.—Mrs. Minnie D. House.

Desires to Stay Under The Blood of Jesus

SYLACUGA, Ala.—Dear saints I want to add my testimony to the Evangel for the glory of God. I am glad I am in the way and the way is in me and it grows sweeter and brighter every day. I am so glad I ever put my trust in the Lord, glad that He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, placed me in the Church of God where I mean to stay till He comes or calls.

I want all the saints who know the worth of prayers to pray for me that I will stand true and stay under the blood of Jesus.—J. H. Jolly.

Bloomington and wife, P. E. Island, Canada.

Nothing Unclean Can Go This Way

DEUCHER, Ohio.—I have just returned home from Wellston, Ohio where Sister Fay Sease of Dayton, conducted a successful revival which began August 7th and continued until the 26th. Sister Edith Graves of West Junction did the preaching the last five nights of the meeting.

From the first the Lord, blessed and on the second night two were saved. He poured out His Spirit in a mighty way, the church was greatly built up and the saints encouraged to press the battle to the end. I have never found any sweeter spirit in any band of saints. The dear people of Wellston certainly did all within their power to make the revival a success. They prayed and fasted for hours and few of them were absent during the entire three weeks.

Brother and Sister Hamilton, the pastor and wife, were present two weeks, but had to return to the church at Lancaster. We surely enjoyed their acquaintance and feel they are doing a good work for the Church of God. Brother and Sister Haynes, the State Overseer and wife, were with us the 13th and 14th. Their inspiring songs and messages were highly appreciated.

Very few of the saints had the baptism of the Holy Ghost when we went there, but they had a heart to serve God and became very hungry for the blessing. One dear sister who had been seeking for some time, said in testifying, that she knew the Holy Ghost was for her and she meant to have all the Lord had in store for her. God laid His hand on her and she fell back into her husband's arms and after tarrying a little while, came thru speaking in tongues and magnifying God. While she was under the power, a message was given and interpreted, warning sinners to flee from the storm of God's wrath which is fast approaching, and to prepare to meet their God. The Holy Ghost also pictured Jesus in the court of Pilate; as He bore the cross up Calvary's hill, falling beneath its load; as He was stretched upon it and nails were driven thru His hands and feet; as He was lifted up to hang between Heaven and earth; as He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" and "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." The message continued to tell how men and women are crucifying Jesus afresh today and still He cries, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Christ was pictured as standing today with outstretched hands pleading for the sinner to come, but soon the scene will change and He'll stand as their judge. His soon coming was announced. The altar call was given but none responded, though some were convinced and wept. One man said no one need tell him again that there was nothing to the Holy Ghost and tongues, for he was convinced it was real.

After this, Sister Dunlap of near Lancaster told her vision of hell which lasted seven days and nights, during which she was conscious. At the close of this service an awesome feeling settled down upon us as we were at prayer, that someone was stepping across the danger line. The Spirit urged me to warn the people remaining in the house not to leave there without God for if they did they would be doomed. I called on the saints to pray for God to spare whoever it was. No one came to the altar, but the feeling lingered thru the night and next day.

The next night one was sanctified and two of the brethren received the Holy Ghost, one very easily, while the other went thru the Garden of Gethsemane and thought surely he was dying. They were surely happy when the Comforter came and the first words the first one uttered after the Holy Ghost came were, "It's real! It's real!" Sunday we all gathered for all day service and enjoyed the presence of some of the saints from Jackson, Lancaster, Dayton and Chillicothe, also some from W. Junction and Hamden. After an interesting lesson, Sister Sease preached on the "Second Coming of Jesus," picturing the tribulation and telling how we can escape by being filled with the Holy Ghost and ready to go up in the rapture. A wonderful dinner was spread before us, which I am sure everyone enjoyed. At two o'clock we again assembled and were abundantly blessed in a testimony service conducted by Sister Haynes. Three little girls from Lancaster testified to being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. May God seal them and keep them until the day when He shall call them home. Sister Haynes then brought the message on the "Church of God," portraying Her in all Her purity and glory. How proud we were to be numbered with the Lord's own people. About 3:30 the service was dismissed until seven when we returned again to worship the Lord. After a good testimony service Brother Haynes sang "Nothing Between My Soul and God." It is certainly glorious to know there is nothing between. He then brought an inspiring message, telling us how necessary it is for us to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, going on to perfection.

Thank God for a clean way and honest hearts that are willing to measure up. Conviction seized the heart of one

man so greatly that he lost his desire for food and sleep. The Lord troubled him at night until he couldn't sleep and the words "Get ready to meet your God" kept ringing in his ears.

He came to the altar on Friday night but the Lord showed him he had to pour out some whiskey first. The next morning he did it and that day he and his wife were both saved. He also had to sanctify himself from tobacco. That surely ought to be enough to prove that nothing unclean can travel this way. There were seven saved, five sanctified five received the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water and five added to the church. There were no children in the number, but all were adults, the youngest being twenty-nine years of age.

On Saturday night we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The first part of the service was very sacred and solemn while the latter was happy. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Sunday morning Brother Hamilton, the pastor, preached a wonderful sermon on the Church of God, picturing her in her glory and virginity. The doors of the church were then opened and the Lord blessed in such a sweet way as the hand of fellowship was being extended to the dear ones who were added. In the afternoon the baptismal services were held, four following the Lord in baptism. There are two or three to be baptized later and more are looking toward the Church of God. In the evening Sister Sease preached her farewell sermon, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" It was decided that Sister Edith Graves of West Junction should continue the meeting as long as the Lord should lead, this she did, closing it Friday night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way each night. There are no blue Mondays for Holy Ghost filled saints, we find, and on Monday night of last week God poured out His Spirit in a special way. The saints leaped and danced for joy.

There were some very remarkable healings too. A sister, about eighty years old, who could not put her hands behind her, is now able to use her arms freely. An old brother was healed of an affliction he had suffered with for three years. A lady was assisted to the altar by three or four people and went away walking alone. Sister Tio, an old lady who had been blind almost three years was anointed by Sister Sease and again last Thursday night by someone else and God wonderfully answered prayer. Altho she cannot see clearly, she can see everyone's face and is able to go about her work as she used to. Praise the Lord. It was in another church in town where she was anointed this last time and the pastor of the church drove them all out. They may put us out of the synagogues, but thank God, they can't close the doors of the kingdom against us.

I request that all pray that the dear sister may be enabled to see clearly, that God may be glorified in all things, praise His dear name forever. God bless all is my prayer.—Maymie Patterson.

Healed of Typhoid Fever

FRIENDSHIP, Tenn.—Dear readers of the Evangel, I want to praise God for what He has done for me. He healed me this summer of typhoid fever. Thanks to the dear saints at headquarters, also A. L. Griffin and many others for their prayers. Some of the saints prayed and the power of the Lord was wonderful. I am well in Jesus' name. I give Christ Jesus, the great physician, all the glory for this great healing. I trusted the Lord fully, did not take any medicine.

I praise the Lord today because I am saved, sanctified holy both soul and body and the Holy Ghost is still abiding. I am not the least bit tired of the way, and I do love the Church of God.

Pray for me that I might be just what Jesus would have me to be.—Mrs. Alice Latham.

Desires to do More For The Lord

ANNISTON, Ala.—Dear brethren and sisters I am praising the Lord this beautiful morning for the hope that I have in Him. I am surely glad that we can have God if we have His words abiding in us. If we have a good case of salvation we will love our enemies and hate the things of the world that we once loved. Some people say they have the Holy Ghost but still indulge in some of the things of the world. Dear brethren I believe if we get a good dip in the blood of Jesus we will not act as the world. Read 1 John 2:15.

Pray that I may do more for the Lord, I have not done all I should have. I have been farming, thought I could make a better support for my family, but I do not believe the Lord is pleased with me. I know I should be out in the work for Him. Pray for me.—P. W. Hackney.

Power Felt When Coming Under Tent

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Our hearts were made to rejoice once more when the dear Lord came down and blessed us in a tent meeting held about two weeks ago in Ridgedale where He has so many times wonderfully blessed in times past. But it has been several years since God's power has been seen manifested in such a marvelous way as was shown in this last meeting held by Brothers Sharp and Whittington, assisted by the Chasteen brothers and Brother W. W. Harmon. They all did very efficient work for Jesus. Meetings have been held in different places around the city this summer by these two ministers together, but I doubt if God blessed their labor any more at any place than He did in this one. The mighty power was unanimously felt when coming under the tent and many remarked "this seemed like old time meetings." Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done; we can't tell it in words.

About fourteen received the Holy Ghost, some saved and several sanctified; no strict account was kept; the suburb and all around was most wonderfully blessed; some were healed of different diseases thru prayer. The meeting closed in a blaze of glory. I really believe the last night was the best night of all. The altar was full of earnest seekers and all were grieved that we were forced to close the meeting then, but as they had borrowed the tent, the time of the loan had expired and it had to be returned for the owner to use in other fields for the Master. Many said the meeting closed a month too soon.

It seems that many here who had once possessed this blessed experience had let the joy leak out of their souls and had not lived as becometh saints of God. This cast a shadow over holiness and the Holy Ghost so heavy until it made it very hard for the disinterested ones, who came from time to time, to see the real need of them trying to get closer to God that He might bestow more of His power and presence upon them while they live here below. Many still cling to the teaching of their parents and unbelieving tutors, which keeps them from surrendering and consecrating their all to God. This explains why more did not get the blessing. Let us all join in prayer to our God that He might help all of His children to so live from now on that the way be made easier for the unbelievers to come and fall at Jesus' feet and obtain His best before it is too late and the gates of mercy are shut against them.

One thing which helped to make our meeting such a blessing was that the ministers made everyone feel welcome and in a few days after it began, members of the Church from other places were also there and lots of God's little ones who had been scattered around without any church. They gladly came and many still remain with us and seem delighted to think they have a place they can call "home." You may know that there was rejoicing among the dear ones who have continued to pray that sometime somewhere, our Father would draw His true ones together so He could bless them more abundantly. I believe He will bless us more if we all join in earnest prayer to Him who can do all things for His obedient children.

We thank God for all He has done for us and are looking to Him to continue His blessings in two meetings they are planning to hold between now and the Assembly. The large tent was crowded to overflowing each night. It seemed that there were as many outside as were under the tent. They gave very good attention. Many gave liberally for the expenses of the meeting. We feel sure that later someone could reap a harvest of souls out of what was the congregation then, if we only had a place of worship, so friends, we desire your prayers that God will smile on us and give us yet a place of regular worship in this little place. Yours in Jesus' name, M. H. Willingham.

"OLD MAN" MUST BE CRUCIFIED

LEIGHTON, Ky.—We want to sound aloud praises for the Church of God and for the work that is being done now and has been done. We always praise God for His blessings, shout the victory and live the life right before the devil and his followers. Brother Elisha Mayse is our pastor and is an able man to edify the Church. The whole country is looking this way. We have been worshipping in the school house but intend to build a church for we are expecting great things from the Lord.

Brothers J. C. Muncy, James Sparks, Walter Sparks and Straud Harris were here from Ravenna, Ky. They have the fire burning in their souls for God and His Church. We had a wonderful time with the Lord. Sister Rice received the gift of the Holy Ghost and others are seeking. The little revival turned out to be a big one. Eight were saved and came into the Church of God. They said they had been in other so-called churches but were not saved until now. We expect to live that others will see and know this is the right way. Folks are coming to the conclu-

REQUESTS

I request all the saints to pray for the Lord to heal me and my little girl of chills and fever, and to supply our needs.—Reuben H. Martin, Statesboro, Ga.

I need the saints to help me pray for my husband and grandmother. My husband left me four months ago and my grandmother is trying to keep him from coming back to me. I want us to live a happy life together for God. Sometimes I feel discouraged, but I look to God and He blesses me. I have the sweet Holy Ghost. Dear saints please help me pray.—Mrs. W. A. Robbins, Sumiton, Ala.

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phasize the importance of this noble work, for all true sympathetic hearts will agree that God is well pleased in our gathering in the precious little tots who are fatherless, motherless and homeless and giving them Christian training, education, clothing, food and shelter and raising them up for Christ and the Church. I deem it further unnecessary to tell you that there is a tremendous expense attached to the maintenance of this institution, for ye yourselves know full well, but permit me to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that we must rally to the support of this work in order to perpetuate it and to enlarge its borders. Many new arrangements and needed improvements are necessary. Some have suggested that we need a farm near town for the boys in order that they might aid in the support of the institution. This is very plausible. To say the least of it, this is a work that all of our members and friends could show an equal interest in.

Coming to the Assembly

All who are planning to attend the 22nd Annual Assembly would do well to cooperate with others by making use of the special reduced rate on the certificate plan. I insist on this because there are so many of our ministers who come on their clergy certificate, leaving only those to come on the certificate plan who do not have the clergy rates, that it reduces the number of certificates too close, as a certain number is required in order to obtain the special rate. Now if one and all will make use of this special rate on the certificate plan who come by rail, we will be sure to have a sufficient number. Please do your friends this favor, and the Assembly in general.

As there will be only one more issue of the paper before the Assembly, the next one arriving possibly after some of you have already left home to come to the Assembly (there will be no paper during the Assembly week.) In view of this, I cheerfully submit to our readers, this message with the earnest hope that we will be able to greet thousands of you in person at the 22nd Annual Assembly on Oct. 24th, in which we will hope to engage together in the greatest Assembly in the history of the Church.

sion that the "old man" should be crucified and not just buried by water baptism. We have a few fighters here but when our pastor gets his sword which is as sharp as a razor and draws it from its sheath, the fighter realizes he is wrong and the Word of God does not dwell in him.

We thank God for His church with her mighty power. We really know our God is alive because we feel Him in our souls and body. I feel His presence this morning. May each member of the Church of God pray a special prayer to God that we will get the baptism of the Holy Ghost as the Word tells us to. We have prayer meeting Wednesday and Saturday nights, also Sunday School. The Lord is blessing; the good that the Sunday School does will never be known until we get to heaven.

I was once an unbeliever. I watched so-called church members and knew there was not any more to them than to the rest of the world. The preacher told them they must sin, but in the Church of God you can know and feel deep in your soul when you are right. All manner of rotten filth must go before the Lord will bless us. Let's get into the river of life and let God bless us. His inspection alone is what we must get ready for. When you want to pray for someone, ask God to give me the gift of the Holy Ghost.—C. B. Stevens.

CLIMAX, Ga.—I have felt led to write a testimony for the Evangel, the paper I love so well. I will never get through telling of the wonderful love of our blessed Savior. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I would not for the world give up this sweet way.

I request that all the saints pray for me that I may be ready when He comes or calls for me, also pray for my family that they may be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin.

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THE YOKE

Joe R. Little.

Matt. 11:28-30. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Authorized Version).

I believe the reading of these verses in the Syriac Version will make them clearer to our minds, so we will read it also in connection with the Authorized Version.

Matt. 11:28-30. "Come unto me all ye wearied and heavily burdened, and I will ease you.

Take my yoke upon you; and learn from me, that I am gentle and subdued in my heart; and ye will find rest for your souls:

For my yoke is pleasant, and my burden is light." (Syriac Version).

We can easily see that we are all yoked up either with righteousness, or wickedness, that is we are under Christ's yoke or Satan's yoke. Christ's yoke if we are a Christian, Satan's yoke if we are not a Christian. What yoke are you wearing?

In order for us to have a clear understanding of what is meant by the word yoke, we will give the meaning in four senses. 1st. The natural yoke is a frame coupling two oxen together for drawing. All of the older generation, we are sure, can remember when most draft work was done by oxen yoked together by a wooden frame. Perhaps some of us younger people can remember seeing oxen in the field, drawing big plows, tilling the soil for the farmer, or pulling large loads of logs to the saw mill. The yoke fastens two oxen together and if they are not pretty well matched, they will not make good yoke mates, therefore, the outcome will be that they cannot pull a heavy load for they cannot pull together. One special thing to notice about a yoke of oxen is that they have to obey their master for they are bound in servitude; if they don't obey they are punished.

2nd. The yoke of bondage, in a natural sense, means the rule, or authority of the superior over the inferior. For instance, the king's rule over his subjects, like the Jews were when they were in Babylonian captivity. They were under the yoke of the kings of Babylon for they had to obey their commands. Also, going back to the children of Israel in Egypt, their yoke was, hard and their burden was heavy.

Mark of servitude, or bondage—as the colored race was before the Civil War. They could not do as they wished, but as their masters told them to do; they were enslaved and confined to the obedience of their master in laboring and toiling for him. We are under the United States yoke, although we enjoy liberty as we do. We must pay our taxes and obey the other laws of our country; even at our work, we must obey our superior. Naturally we all enjoy doing these things for it keeps unity, happiness, freedom and liberty in our country; but if we should disobey them, we would cause disruption and be punished by the law.

3rd. The yoke of bondage to Satan. Gal. 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." This yoke can't be seen with your natural eye, neither can we reach out and touch it with our hands, but we can feel it with our mind, conscience, heart and soul. We were sold unto the bondage of sin thru Adam, therefore, we, before we become a Christian, are laboring daily under the yoke of Satan by living wrong; some thru ignorance and others by not trying to learn what is right.

One thing that some people under the yoke are guilty of, is covetousness which is to wish for things not ordinarily or unlawfully; just after anything, miserly, niggardly. This is one of the main sins of people today, coveting riches, money, property, pleasure and excessive living.

Now we know that people who are guilty of evil deeds are under Satan's yoke and have to obey him as long as they wear his yoke. Truly their yoke is hard and their burden heavy, because he causes them to commit all manner of crime and sin such as adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness and worshipping idols, that is, putting something else ahead of God. It may be a box of snuff, a bag of tobacco, whiskey, money, popularity, self confidence, or even mother, father, brother, sister, sweet-heart, wife or children.

Another sin is witchcraft which is fortune telling and other superstitious ideas. There are some people who are entangled with this almost as bad as the witch of Endor. Paul

gives us one main thought on this. He stood up at Areopagus in the midst of Mars Hill and said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious."

Many people have natred in their heart toward someone, but they can't help it for sin is there; the carnal nature is there. Many are slaves to drink. This is the sin of drunkenness. The courts are always flooded with drunken cases; revelry is running society today and many boys and girls are being ruined thru it. Some folks are always envying someone else. Why do you do these things? Let Paul tell you why you can't keep from sinning. Rom. 7:14-24. "For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not; for what I would that I do not; but what I hate that I do. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me, for I know that in me (that is in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I

delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Now Paul makes it very plain to us that we are servants to whom we serve and we are forced by the power vested in him to obey his commands as long as we are serving him, whether it be God, or the devil. Oh friends, you who are serving the enemy of your soul, who are in bondage to him, wearing his yoke, perhaps yoked up with another worse than yourself, being bound hard and fast in his death craving clutches, under his unmerciful power, being dragged down further each day into sin, degradation and shame, can't you see and realize what you are doing and where you are going?

When we see a Christian, one who is delivered from the yoke of bondage, willfully and voluntarily commit a sin, we are ashamed, but those who are spiritual should restore such a one. When we see people being pulled, pushed, kicked and banged around by the devil, forced to do all manner of sin, heaping sorrows upon sorrows upon their own heads, knowing that whatsoever they sow they shall also reap at the harvest time, we feel

sorry for them, yearn for their deliverance, desire to snatch them out of the enemy's clutches; we are burdened for them, pray for them and love their soul. We should speak kind to them, talk to them about God, beg them, plead with them and persuade them to throw off the enemy's yoke and accept Christ's yoke.

No doubt, people who are in this condition are doing some of their reaping now, by having a guilty conscience, a sighing or broken heart, a wearied mind, a body filled with aches, pains, bruises, some wasting away with dreadful and terrible diseases. They may put on a good face and keep it from the world, yet in their minds and hearts, this is their condition. Some have been so badly over-taxed by Satan both physically and mentally until he has dragged off their mind, understanding, ambition and their health, and have them so tightly bound in his fetters until some of them have become so hard hearted that they care not for God or man, even some say there is no God, but they with all other sinners are waiting perhaps unconcerned for what they may term the end, death, which in their case would be merely the beginning of eternal, everlasting, never ending, continual death in a terrible, terrifying, tormenting hell, agonizing, begging and pleading for only a drop of water to cool their

scorching tongues. Their only answer being the final resurrection and the judgment, being cast into the lake of fire and brimstone with the beast, the false prophets and billions upon billions of others to die the eternal death, rolling in fire, brimstone and ashes where the worm never dieth and the fire is not quenched.

Oh say, my friends who are in this condition, can't you see the loving, humble, sacrificing, sympathizing, pathetic Jesus standing with outstretched hands, begging and pleading with you, saying, "Come unto me all ye that are wearied (or labor) and are heavy laden (or burdened) and I will ease you and give you rest of conscience, mind, heart and soul. I will ease you of your aches and pains by healing your diseases. I will roll your burden of sin away, throw them into the sea of forgetfulness, or as far away as the east is from the west. I will give you complete relief from all your oppression; take off this yoke of bondage and set you free, if you will only come unto me believing.

Now after I have relieved you of the enemy's yoke and set you at liberty, I want you to take my yoke upon you now and learn of me, from me, that I am meek and lowly in heart. I am gentle and subdued in heart, subdued to humility and sympathy only a drop of water to cool their

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MY PROMISE TO GOD

BAILEY, N. C.—I want to praise the Lord thru the Evangel for what He has done for me. He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me by His precious blood and gave me the sweet Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues, and I give Him all the praise. I promised the Lord if He would give me the blessing I would testify through the Evangel and that I would trust Him for both soul and body. I do not have any desire to turn back to this world. When I think of just how the Lord looked down on me a poor sinner on my road to hell and saved me from sin, put me on the run for heaven, I can never praise Him enough.

I live in a community where there are no holiness people. Please pray that I'll prove a blessing to some lost soul, also pray that I will get closer to the Lord and do His precious will at all times. Remember my unsaved husband and children.—Your sister in Christ, Della Bailey.

Expecting Good Seed to Spring Up

ALINE, Ga.—Just a few words to let all know God is still blessing the work here at Aline. Brother T. S. Payne from Cleveland came here and preached five sermons which were enjoyed. He surely made the Gospel plain. There wasn't much visible results, but we are expecting the good seed to spring up and grow.

The writer set the Church of God in order here Sept. 4th with thirteen members and most of them have the Holy Ghost. There are three or four more to come here by transfers, so we desire an interest in the prayers of the saints that the Church of God may shine here at this wicked place. With love to all the Evangel readers, John J. Floyd, pastor.

JESUS WILL NEVER FORSAKE

LINDALE, Ga.—I praise the dear Lord for His wonderful blessings to me each day. He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

I became ill and called for the saints to pray for me. It seemed the longer they prayed the worse I became. I suffered for about twenty-four hours then the Lord healed me for which I give Him the praise. I ask an interest in your prayers.—Mamie Wynn.

WANTS TO BE A FAITHFUL SERVANT

HURRICANE MILLS, Tenn.—It has been a long time since I wrote to the paper and I feel like sending some praises for the dear Lord who brought me into the way of holiness. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I ask special prayer for myself and daughters that we may be healed. I know the Lord can heal for He has healed me before. I am away from any of the saints and can't go to church as I have an old uncle eighty years of age to care for. He can't walk a step. I want all the saints to pray for me that the Lord will send a Holy Ghost preacher here to preach the true Word. I am all the Church of God member in this neighborhood so you see I get hungry for the Gospel. Pray for my unsaved husband and children. I want to always be found doing the Lord's will and win the crown in glory when I leave this old sinful world. I want to be one of those to whom He will say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into thy rest."—A sister in Jesus, M. E. Smith, R. 2.

DESIRES TO DO GOD'S WILL

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I want to praise the dear Lord thru the Evangel for looking down upon me when I was a little girl and in sin. About two years ago He saved and sanctified me and a few nights later baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost. Not long after, I was added to the Church of God. I live in a place where I do not have the opportunity to be with the saints very often. The Lord prepared a way for me to be at the State Convention.

I feel that God has work for me to do, so I beg each and every one to pray that He will have His way in my life, also pray that I will stand true and be ready to do His will at all times.—Lacy Lacy, R. 1.

Twenty-Second Annual ASSEMBLY Of the Churches of God Will Convene at the Church of God AUDITORIUM Corner Montgomery Avenue and 24th Street., Cleveland, Tennessee

OCTOBER 24-30 Inclusive

F. J. Lee, General Overseer of the Church of God In Charge,

The formal opening of the Assembly will be October 25, at 9:00 a. m. Immediately following will be the appointment of the committees, and the call of the States and their response.

There will be interesting discourses on timely themes, sermons under the unction and power of the Holy Ghost.

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

SUPREME OBJECT: to glorify God our Father, exalt Jesus Christ the Divine Head of the Church, our complete Savior and coming King, honor the Holy Ghost our Comforter and Guide, who will have full control.

"And the Apostles and Elders came together for to consider this matter."

You are cordially invited to attend this annual feast in which many refreshing showers from the Lord are to be enjoyed by His humble followers.

The Reception and Entertainment Committee will be at their post and render every service possible to make your visit both pleasant and profitable.

This is confidently expected to be the greatest Assembly in the history of the Church.

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OBITUARIES

BALES

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Britt Bales of Cedar Hill, Tenn., August 28, 1927, and claimed Brother Bales as its victim. He was born April 5, 1878, and at his death was 49 years, 5 months and 23 days of age. He was sick only three months and was converted during his sickness, and left a bright testimony that his way was clear. He leaves to mourn his departure, a wife, three daughters, two sons, seven brothers and one grandchild, also a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother A. J. Hopkins of Morristown, Tenn. His body was laid to rest in the Pleasant View Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Written by a friend.

MOTHER IS GONE

Our Sister DeLoach died September the 4th, In nineteen hundred and twenty-seven. She lived a good life and died a good death.

And we believe she is now in heaven;

She was a staunch member of the Church of God.

And was filled with the Holy Ghost, She loved the cause that she had espoused,

And was ever found at her post.

She was a true Christian and a good mother,

And a good neighbor they said, This was the testimony of all her neighbors,

Who knew her before she was dead; She leaves five children to mourn her loss,

And a host of very true friends, All of whom we trust will meet her some day,

Where joys and pleasures never end.

Our Sister was sixty-three years of age,

And was a widow of very many years.

She has "done what she could." I'm real sure,

For the lost she has shed many tears;

Her life's work has been completely finished,

And her body is slumbering in the sod,

Altho she'll be missed by all the friends,

Her spirit is now resting with God. In her home there was always a welcome,

For the friends who knew her best, I'm sure we will see her some day in heaven,

With all the good and the best; When often I have been weary and hungry,

And in need of shelter and rest, I have found a retreat and plenty to eat,

And was received as a welcome guest.

Many friends will remember the children to pray for them.—By one who knew the family, M. S. Lemons.

LANGSTON

On July 9, 1927 the death angel called for Sister Margaret Elizabeth Langston and carried her home to be with Jesus. She was born February 4, 1845 and married to R. P. Langston December 2, 1860. To this union were born nine girls and three boys. She is survived by ten of these.

She became a member of the Baptist Church when only a young girl and lived a good life until 1915 when she received the Holy Ghost and came into the Church of where she was a faithful member until death. All was done for her that loving hands could do but Jesus called her home. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, J. E. Connatser and her body was laid to rest in the Maypop Cemetery to await the resurrection. One who loved her.—Mrs. J. E. Connatser, 3303 25th Ave., Tampa, Fla.

LAWSON

Columbus Lawson departed this life August 25, 1927 at the age of forty-four years. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, mother, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Just to see you with the Savior, And the loved ones gone before; Just to know you are in heaven, Will be joy for evermore.—His sister, Frances Adams, Tate, Tenn.

ALVER

Sister Emmer Alver has been called away to await the resurrection morning. On the night of June 19, 1927 she was killed in an auto wreck on her way home from church. We remember how she sat on the front seat in the church that same night, clasped her hands and sang "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again." We know she has found a resting place on the other shore where there will be no more car wrecks.

Emmer was young, being only sixteen years, eleven months and nineteen days of age at her death. She was born June 30, 1910. She was a member of the Church of God at Ruby, having united in April 22, 1927.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD

The 22nd Annual Assembly of the Churches of God will convene in the Church of God Auditorium in Cleveland, Tennessee, October 24-30. The indications are that this will be the greatest Assembly in the history of the Church. Our members and friends are invited. Those who are unsettled are requested to be present. Our opposers are insisted on coming and being convinced. Those who have been misled will find a welcome in our midst.

"COME THOU WITH US, AND WE WILL DO THEE GOOD"

Orphanage Report

Sept. 1st to Oct. 1st.

Fannie J. Holmes, Goin, Tenn., 1 child's dress; Mr. Florence, Cleveland, Tenn., 5 doz. bananas; McAmos, Cleveland, Tenn., 1 bu. meal; Mr. Haggard, Cleveland, Tenn., 9 doz. eggs; Mrs. S. J. Heath, Kannapolis, N. C., Church and S. S. 72 prs. hose, 6 hdkfs.; Ollie Osburn, Cleveland, Tenn., 30 bales hay; Sanitary Bakery, Cleveland, Tenn., 104 buns; Mr. Kilgo, Altoona, Ala., 5 caps, 4 boy's suits, 2 prs. overalls, 4 prs. shoes, 3 dresses, 2 towels, 3 sweaters, 10 yds. domestic, 28 yds. gingham, 22 yds. lawn 6 yds. bleaching, 2 spools thd. 4 yds. prints, 3 prs. hose, 3 prs. socks, 1 hdkf.; Merita Bakery, Chattanooga, Tenn., 8 pkgs. cinnamon buns.

CASH

Oliver C. Swadley, Brighton, Mo., \$5.00; S. S. Straight Creek, Ala., \$3.70; Mary Pierce, Ravia, Okla., \$1.06; S. S. Wimauma, Fla., \$10.11; S. S. Blairsville, Ga., \$1.00; S. S. West Frankfort, Ill., \$3.33; Albert Dixon, Chillicothe, Ohio, \$5.00; Church, Clarksburg, W. Va., \$5.66; S. S. Bunkerrill, S. C., \$4.31; S. S. Mobettie, Tex., \$4.19; Church, Dixiana, Ala., \$4.03; Church, Boynton, Pa., \$2.28; Church, Kannapolis, N. C., \$4.85; S. S. Winchester, Ky., \$1.45; Church, Lynchburg, Va., \$5.00; Church, Alcoa, Tenn., \$2.52; S. S. N. Chattanooga, Tenn., \$14.30; Church, Philadelphia, Pa., \$2.93; S. S. McCall, S. C., \$6.00; Church, Walhalla, S. C., \$2.52; Church, Ravensford, N. C., \$5.00; S. S. Sebwah, Mich., \$2.54; Church, Fruitland, Md., \$5.00; S. S. Cincinnati, O., \$9.00; S. S. Cherry Hill, Texas, \$2.30; S. S. Milton, W. Va., \$2.87; Church, Ravenna, Ky., \$6.62; Church, Waycross, Ga., \$1.81; S. S. Anderson, S. C., \$1.63; S. S. Lawton, Okla., \$2.50; Church, Erolinton, Pa., \$1.00; Church, Wilsondale, W. Va., \$1.70; S. S. Summit, Ala., \$1.12; S. S. Elkins, W. Va., \$1.52; S. S. Elkins, W. V., 25c; S. S. Williamsburg, Ky., \$10.00; S. S. Akron, Ohio, \$7.16; S. S. St. Joseph, Mo., \$1.02; Church, Lakeland, Fla., \$3.66; Church, McMinville, Tenn., 20c; S. S. Columbia, S. C., \$4.25; S.

S. Joseph's Chapel, Miss., \$4.65; Frances Cosand, Jamaica, \$4.25; S. S. Baldwin Park, Cal., \$3.37; Church Mt. Vernon, Ill., \$2.55; S. S. Honey Comb, Ill., 55c; S. S. Lannus, Tex., 68c; Church, Thomaston, Ga., \$1.30; S. S. Manatee, Fla., \$19.00; S. S. Slaton, Texas, \$1.28; S. S. Fitzgerald, Ga., \$2.60; Church, Pulaski, Va., \$1.05; Mrs. L. E. Jones, S. S. LaFollette, Tenn., \$1.00; S. S. Sheagon, W. Va., 57c; Church, Chiefland, Fla., \$2.00; S. S. Thorn, Miss., \$1.62; S. S. Farndale, Fla., \$1.13; S. S. Phoenix City, Ala., \$2.58; S. S. Baltimore, Md., \$4.50; S. S. Berryton, Ga., \$2.00; Church, Weatherford, Texas, \$10.94; Church, Ensley, Ala., \$4.00; S. S. Heidelberg, Ky., 85c; S. S. Ladonia, Texas, \$6.00; S. S. Mineral Wells, Texas, 97c; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark., \$2.78; S. S. Eldorado, Md., \$2.80; S. S. Ft. Worth, Texas, \$1.54; S. S. Quartz, Ga., \$1.75; Church, Cantwell, Mo., \$3.00; S. S. The Pentecostal Church of God, Newport, Ky., \$5.00; Addie Brooks, Lenoir City, Tenn., \$6.00; S. S. Zelwood, Fla., \$1.73; S. S. (birthday offering), Plaza, N. Dak., \$4.79; S. S. (penny march), Plaza, N. Dak., \$8.60; J. H. Morgan, McCrory, Ark., \$2.01; S. S. Wickham, W. Va., \$1.99; Mrs. R. M. Lively, Shrewsbury, W. Va., \$5.25; S. S. Pikeville, Tenn., \$5.70; S. S. Altoona, Ala., \$20.00; Alice Solomon, Greenwood, Ky., \$2.00; Church, Ravenna, Ky., \$2.00; Church, Electra, Texas, \$5.87; S. S. Grand Lodge, Mich., \$2.57; S. S. Wilcoe, W. Va., \$1.81; S. S. Tarpon Springs, Fla., \$6.91; Church, Cedar Keys, Fla., \$2.00; Willie Goss, Fox, Va., \$1.00; Church, Alabama City, Ala., \$22.80; Church, Toledo, O., \$10.00; S. S. Ree, N. Dak., \$21.30; S. S. Bridgeport, Ill., \$2.92; S. S. Suches, Ga., \$1.00; J. F. Raulston, Hixon, Tenn., \$10.00; S. S. Eldorado, Ill., \$9.75; Mrs. E. C. Bradburn, Clyde, N. C., \$1.00; S. S. South Cleveland, Tenn., \$2.00; C. G. Hunter, Cleveland, Tenn., \$6.00; Mrs. Lillie Mobley, Utica, Miss., \$1.00; Earnestine Daniels, Sharon, W. Va., \$1.00; S. S. Pine Ridge, Md., \$3.30; Church, Tampa, Fla., \$3.31; Church, Hurricane, Ala., \$2.00; Church, Pigah Springs, Miss., \$2.00.

await the resurrection morning.

A precious one from them is gone, A voice they loved is stilled; A place is vacant in their home, Which never can be filled.

His body lies sleeping

Neath the sod;

His soul, we hope

Is with his God.—A friend, Mrs. Lillie Lyons.

GIFFORD

The death angel visited the home of C. Gifford on Sept. 14th and took away our dear grandmother who was about ninety years of age. She has left to mourn her death a host of friends and relatives. She passed away so quietly; just fell asleep in Jesus.

We wish to thank our friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our grandmother. Her favorite song was "Jesus Lover of My Soul." We appreciate the good people singing this song at her funeral.—Pauline Gifford, Route 2, Scottsboro, Ala.

DUNAWAY

On August 15, 1927 the death angel visited the home of my father, J. D. Dunaway, and claimed his dear wife and my dear mother. She was sixty-three years old July 6, 1927. She received the Holy Ghost eleven years ago and was always praising God and loved to attend church. She was sick four weeks, but never did complain. This I thank the Lord much for.

Her death was caused by high blood pressure. She passed away so peacefully, without a struggle. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, six children, twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was the mother of seven children, one had gone on before twenty-seven years ago. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother J. C. Lentz, and her body laid to rest in the Mt. Sinai Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Sleep on dear mother

And take your rest;

God called you home,

He thought it best.—Her daughter.

BARWICK

Walter H. Barwick was born Nov. 9, 1899 in Thomas county Georgia. He was reared in Kentucky having been brought here in 1902. He and his mother, Mrs. John Lairson, were

PRAISING GOD FOR HIS LOVE

TRINITY, Tex.—To the saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I praise God for His mighty Spirit that has ruled in my soul for about a year.

I truly praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I was suffering with acute indigestion and nervousness. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and when it returned I laid it on my body and prayed. God wonderfully touched my body. All who read this please pray that I will do my Savior's will.—Evelyn French.

Still on the Lord's Side

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.—I am praising God for what He is to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for ever leading me in this way of holiness. My aim is to do what God would have me to do. I want to lead others in this good way. It is the only way to live. I have tried to live for God ever since I was twelve years old, but did not know how to trust Him until I received the baptism. I have been happy ever since I received this great blessing. I truly thank God for His healing power, have been healed several times. My children believe in divine healing. Every time they get sick they ask me to pray for them.

I have two daughters who have the Holy Ghost, one daughter is sanctified, also my husband is sanctified. Please remember them in your prayers that they may receive this wonderful blessing. Pray for me to ever be humble and true for Jesus' sake.—Mrs. Hollie Teague.

BLESSED TO DWELL IN UNITY

ANDERSON, S. C.—How blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. We are glad to report victory thru the blood of Jesus at this moment. We feel encouraged to press on, glad because we have a "know so salvation" and the preacher didn't tell us when we got the blessing; we knew it first.

Brother Otis Smith and Brother Roger Looney have just closed a three weeks meeting here. Truly we can say it was the best revival ever held at this place. We don't know just how many, but some were sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues, two came into the church and others are looking this way. Some backsliders came back to Father's table and the fattest calf was killed. Sinners were made to tremble under the manifestations of the Holy Ghost. Our church was crowded nearly every service. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done. We believe the church is more in unity now than ever before and where there is unity, there is strength. We are glad that we are members of the Church of God. Pray for us for we want to be among the number when the saints go marching home.—Mary Alewine, 109 Minor St.

Won Victory by Fasting And Praying

PRENTISS, N. C.—I want to thank the Lord for the meeting He gave us at Prentiss, N. C. in June. We had the devil to fight on every side, but the Lord gave the victory.

We began to fast, pray and give out the Word and the Lord did bless. During the meeting there were about four or five saved, two sanctified and the saints were built up. We also had some wonderful healings. One case we make mention of was a little girl who had been sick for several days. She became weaker and weaker, but we held on to the Lord and she was wonderfully healed. Another child stuck a nail in its foot. After praying for it, the child got up, took the bandage off of its foot and began walking and never complained any more.

There was once a strong little band of saints here. Some have backslidden and those who are still standing true have not had any pastor in some time, but there are some who are standing for God and His church and I believe some time we'll have a strong church here. We have large crowds most all the time and it was said by some of the Christian people that more people in that country were looking this way than ever before. I expect to go back and hold another meeting sometime in the future if the Lord is willing.—Yours for lost souls, (Miss) Myrtle Whitehead.

FELL IN LOVE WITH THIS GOSPEL

I just want to report a few days meeting held at Shady Grove, three miles west of Rosebud, Ark. by Brother Geo. W. Rakestraw and the writer. This is a new field in which the full Gospel has never been preached before. They think this is the most wonderful doctrine they ever heard and are surely searching the Scriptures. About three or four preachers are looking this way.—Yours for lost souls, L. L. Mifom, Quitman, Ark.